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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
2006 SUMMER FREE FISHING WEEKEND LIST OF EVENTS
JUNE 10 & 11, 2006**

NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED, ALL FISHING REGULATIONS STILL APPLY.

National Boating and Fishing Week is June 3-11. Look on the "Take Me Fishing" website at www.takemefishing.org for additional activities not only in Michigan, but other states as well.

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Allegan County Lake Allegan Echo Point Access Site	June 10	9:00am – 5:00pm	Larry DeLong 269-966-3513 or Steve Norton – MI Dept of Environmental Quality 269-567-3573	No pre-registration. Free carp derby for all ages kids through adults. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes will be awarded and educational materials will be available.
Baraga County L'Anse Waterfront Park Across the bay from the State Park	June 10	5:00am – 4:00pm	Kelly Mathes Baraga State Park 906-353-6558 Tracey Barrett Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Association 1-800-743-4908	The Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament will run from 5am till 4pm. Must pre-register, limited to the first 100 boats. Additional activities for the entire family will include kid's games, music, nature hikes, and food throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the fishing tournament.
Bay County Bay City State Rec. Area, Saginaw Bay Visitor Center	June 10	9:00am – 3:00pm	Valerie Blaschka Michigan Department of Natural Resources 989-667-1894	Free family fishing derby, kids casting contest, fishing clinic, fly fishing workshop, minnow races and more for all ages. Bait and 100 fishing poles will be provided. Refreshments are included.

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Cheboygan Banks of the Cheboygan River, behind the Cheboygan DNR Field Office	June 10	8:00am – Noon	Louise Cotter Cheboygan DNR Field Office 231-627-9578	2 nd Annual Youth Fishing Tournament for children ages 5 to 14, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing poles and tackle, bait will be furnished and limited fishing equipment will be available. Kids will get to talk to a Conservation Officer and visit with Smokey the Bear. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments are included.
Chippewa County Community of Kincheloe Dukes Lake	June 10	9:00am – 3:00pm	Denise Frasure Kinross Recreation Center 906-495-5350	Free fishing fun day for children ages 14 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait (limited fishing equipment available). Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available.
Crawford County Hartwick Pines State Park, northwest of Grayling	June 10	10:00am – Noon	Craig Kasmer or Tina McFalda 989-348-2537	Free fishing derby for children ages 16 and under, accompanied by an adult. Feel free to bring your own fishing pole as only a limited supply will be available. Bait will be provided and prizes will be awarded.
Eaton County Delta Township Sharp Park	June 10	7:30am – 11:00am Register 7:30 – 10.00 Fishing 8:00 – 11:00	Delta Twp. Parks and Recreation 517-323-8555	Free fishing derby for children ages 2 to 15, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Participation awards included. Food-Bank donations are welcomed.
Emmet County Oden State Fish Hatchery Alanson, MI	June 10 & 11	10:00am – 6:00pm	Oden State Fish Hatchery Visitor Center 231-348-0998	Hatchery tours will be available on both days at 11am and from 1pm through 3pm. A special program titled “Nature at Noon” will be held both days. Saturday will highlight stream insects, and Sunday will be fly tying for kids. Other attractions at the hatchery include the train car museum and the stream viewing chamber.

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Gogebic County Henry Lake Campground near Marenisco	June 10	8:00am – Noon	John Pagel U.S. Forest Service 906-932-1330 ext 521	Free fishing derby, casting contest, minnow races, and fish identification contests for children ages 15 & under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, refreshments and educational displays will be included.
Grand Traverse County Great Lakes Water Studies Institute Marina	June 10	10:00am – 2:00pm	Todd Kalish Michigan Department of Natural Resources 231-922-5280 ext 6870 Great Lakes Water Studies Institute	Free fishing derby for kids of all ages. Bluegills will be stocked into an enclosed area of Lake Michigan. This event will stress hands-on environmental awareness with activities and displays regarding watershed, wildlife, aquatic invertebrates, and fishing techniques. A limited number of poles, bait and tackle will be provided, but anglers are encouraged to bring their own. Refreshments will be included.
Gratiot County St. Louis Lappien Park	June 10	8:30am – Noon	Joe Sholtz Middle of Mitten Assoc. 989-681-5378	Free fishing derby for all ages. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes for biggest fish and most fish caught. Refreshments will be provided.
Gratiot County Pine River Park Alma	June 10	8:30am – Noon	Ron Heine Gratiot County Exchange Club 1-800-229-5740 ext 3014	Free fishing derby for children ages 5 to 15, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole and tackle, worms provided. Prizes, goodie bags and refreshments are included. A free picnic lunch will be provided for all.
Ingham County Valhalla Park	June 10	9:00am – Noon	Delhi Township Parks & Recreation Dept. 517-694-1549	Free fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 15 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes are included.

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Ingham County Central Park Pond – near Historical Village	June 10	9:00am – Noon	Greg Grothous Meridian Township Parks and Recreation 517-853-4616	Free fishing fun day for children 5 to 17 years of age, accompanied by an adult. Not only will the kids be able to fish, but will also be able to test their fishing skill and knowledge. Please bring your own fishing pole and bait, as only a limited supply of each will be available. Prizes will be awarded.
Iron County Iron River Ottawa Lake Campground	June 10	7:30am – 1:00pm	Scott Pearson U.S. Forest Service 906-265-5139 (Ext 33)	Free fishing derby, casting contest, minnow races, and fish identification contests for children ages 15 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, refreshments and educational displays are included.
Livingston County Brighton Mill Pond	June 10	7:30am – 11:00am	Scot Karevich Brighton Optimist Club 810-225-2012	Fishing derby for children ages 16 and under accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. There will be a casting contest and Fishing-Pro's will give lessons, tips and demonstrations. Prizes and refreshments included.
Macomb County Various Events	June 10		Clinton River Watershed Council 248-601-0606	See listing of Clinton River Watershed Council events at www.crw.org River Day 2006.
Mecosta County River Walk at Hemlock Park, Big Rapids Mich.	June 10	9:00am – 1:00pm	Connie Koepke Big Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau 1-888-229-4386	Family fishing day for all ages. There will be an \$8.00 entry fee with all the proceeds going to the "Make A Wish Foundation". Please bring your own fishing pole and bait. There will be clowns, face painting, educational materials, and free t-shirts to the first 50 participants.

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Missaukee County Lake City's Fish Fest on Lake Missaukee	June 10 & 11	Starts 8:00am June 10 and ends at 4:00pm June 11	Lake City Chamber of Commerce 231-839-4969 Michelle's Sport Shop 231-839-4875	Free kids fishing contest for children 11 years of age and under. Family fishing derby for those 12 years of age and older with a \$15.00 entry fee. Bring your own fishing pole, bait and tackle. Cash prizes awarded on Sunday. Longest catch cash prizes up to \$2,750 awarded on Sunday at 4 p.m., plus 3 finalists will have a chance at \$25,000 each, but you must be present to win. Those participating must be registered before 8:00am on June 10. Call for additional rules.
Muskegon County Goodrich Park Whitehall	June 10	8:00am – 1:30pm Orientation 8:00am Fishing 9:00 - Noon	Rev. Scott Visser 231-894-9661	Community fishing day where adult anglers will be matched up with children for a day of boat and shore fishing. Anyone participating must be pre-registered by May 24th. Children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole and bait (limited fishing equipment will be available). <u>Life jackets will be provided on the boats.</u> Each child will take home a photo to remember their fishing experience. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 and all are invited to stay for the closing ceremonies.
Newaygo County Nichols Lake Campground	June 10	8:30am – Noon	Tom Walter (ext 3105) or Jim Klein (ext 3126) U.S. Forest Service 231-745-4631	Free fishing fun day for children ages 17 and under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, educational material and refreshments included.
Oakland County Various Events	June 10		Clinton River Watershed Council 248-601-0606	See listing of Clinton River Watershed Council events at www.crw.org River Day 2006.

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Oakland County Baker Lake, This is ½ mile south of Holly Road on Hickory Ridge Road.	June 10	9:00am – 1:00pm	John McBeth Izaak Walton League of America 248-866-6132	Family fishing derby for all ages, children ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. There will be limited shore fishing available. Boats 14 feet and under with electric motors only. <u>Life jackets are mandatory for everyone on the boats.</u> A \$10 boat launch fee will be charged. Prizes are included. All you can eat breakfast from 7am to 10am for \$3.00. Lunch will be served from Noon – 3pm for \$2.50.
Oakland County Lakeside Park in Holly	June 10	8:00am – 4:00pm	Ardath Reagan Holly Optimist Club 248-634-5120	Free fishing derby for children ages 16 and under accompanied by an adult from 8am to 1pm. There will be shore and boat fishing, and <u>life jackets will be provided on the boats.</u> Please bring your own fishing pole. Bait, tackle and a limited number of fishing poles will be available. There will be a free lunch from 1pm to 2pm, and a basketball competition from 2pm until 4pm. Prizes will be awarded to all that participate.
Ontonagon County Ontonagon Marina	June 10	9:00am – 2:00pm	Dave Dillman U.S. Forest Service 906-884-2411	Free fishing derby, casting contest, big fish contest, minnow races, and fish identification contests for children ages 15 & under, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes, gift bags and educational displays are included. Fyke net demonstration at Noon.
Saginaw County Ojibway Island	June 10	8:00am – 10:00am Registration at 7:30am	Becky Goche U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 989-759-1669	Free fishing derby for children ages 3 to 15, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Prizes will be included. Refreshments are available.

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St. Clair County Port Huron Township W.P. Thompson Pond on 40 th Street	June 10	10:00am – 3:00pm	Bill Thompson Port Huron Charter Twp. 810-987-6600	Free Lite Line Classic Fishing Clinic and Zebco Casting Contest for children 16 and under. Join in for the Senior Fishing Festival. Fishing poles, tackle and bait will be available for both kids and seniors. Both fishing piers are handicap accessible with safety rails.
St. Clair County St. Clair County River Day	June 10	Times vary by location	Sheri Faust St. Clair County Health Department 810-987-5306	Celebrate St. Clair County's rivers, lakes and bays, featuring 14 outdoor activities occurring simultaneously throughout St. Clair County for the whole family. Activities include river and trail clean ups, festivals, fishing derbies, canoeing, storm drain marking and more! Activities will be held in Yale, Port Huron, Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City and Algonac. All events are free and children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
Van Buren County Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery – Mattawan MI	June 10	10:00am – 3:00pm	Shana McMillan Interpreter - DNR Visitors Center (269) 668-2876	Catch and release fishing for youth ages 5 to 16. Programs will be offered between 10am and Noon. <u>Pre-registration is required, so please call ahead to reserve a spot.</u> Equipment and bait will be provided. Hatchery tours will also be available.
Wayne County Willow Metro Park - Washago Pond	June 10	10:00am – Noon	Huron – Clinton Metroparks 1-800-477-3182	Fishing clinic for children ages 4 to 12 accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing pole. Bait and other equipment will be provided.

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Wexford County Manistee National Forest, Oxbow Pond at Peterson Bridge Campground (North)	June 10	8:00am – Noon	Mike Joyce U.S. Forest Service 231-723-2211 ext 3122	Free fishing derby and casting contest for children ages 5 to 12, accompanied by an adult. Please bring your own fishing pole, tackle and bait. Refreshments are included.
Wexford County Mitchell State Park Carl T. Johnson Hunting & Fishing Center	June 10	10:00am – 4:00pm	Rick Torres Michigan Department of Natural Resources 231-779-1321	Family fishing contest on June 10 from 9am until 3pm. Participants must register in person, at the Center by Noon, and fish caught must be checked in at the Center prior to 3pm. Prizes will be awarded at 3:30 in the classroom at the Center. Eligible candidates must be present to receive a prize. Fishing skills activities and fishing simulations will be presented throughout the day. A limited number of fishing poles, tackle and bait available at the front desk. Come see the fish display along with fishing videos. The Center has a certified scale for Master Angler entries.